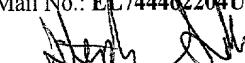


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Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-identified patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before "**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**," please insert:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of USSN 09/223,960, filed December 31, 1998, and assigned of record to Flashpoint Technology, Inc., of San Jose, California--

IN THE CLAIMS

2 (Once amended) A method as in claim 3 wherein the media types include a still image, a sequential image, and text.

3 (Once amended) A method for editing heterogeneous media objects in a hand-held image capture device having a display screen, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) displaying a representation of each one of the media objects on the display screen, each one of the media objects having one or more media types associated therewith;
- b) enabling a user to randomly select a particular media object to edit;
- c) in response to a user pressing a key to edit the selected media object, invoking one or more specialized edit screens for editing the media types associated with the selected media object, wherein in each one of the specialized editing screens, a representation of the selected media object's content, and items to be applied to the selected media object are displayed, whereby each one of the specialized editing screens operates in a similar manner to ease use and operation of the hand-held image capture device and to facilitate creation of multimedia presentations on the hand-held image capture device.

7 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device for editing heterogeneous media objects, comprising:

a randomly-accessible mass storage device for storing the heterogeneous media objects, each one of the media objects having one or more media types associated therewith, wherein the media types include a still image, a sequential image, and text;

a hardware user interface for displaying the heterogeneous media objects, the hardware user interface including a navigational control, and means to select one of the media objects; and

processing means coupled to the mass storage device, the video codec, and to the hardware user interface for controlling operation of the hand-held image capture device, the processing means functioning such that in response to the using randomly selecting one of the media objects to edit, the processing means invokes one or more specialized edit screens for editing the media types associated with the selected media object, wherein the specialized edit screens include an image editing screen for editing still and sequential images.

8 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device as in claim 7 wherein the each one of the specialized editing screens displays a representation of the selected media object's content, editing items to be applied to the selected media object, and at least one soft key function, whereby each one of the specialized editing screens operates in a similar manner to ease use and operation of the hand-held image capture device and to facilitate creation of multimedia presentations on the hand-held image capture device.

9 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device as in claim 8 wherein at least one of the specialized editing screens includes discrete cursor locations, which the user navigates among using a navigation control.

10 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device as in claim 9 wherein at least one of the specialized editing screens displays a real time preview of selected editing items applied to the selected media object.

11 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device as in claim 10 further including a display screen, wherein the processing means displays thumbnail images on the display screen representing the stored media objects, and provides an icon area on the display screen for displaying an indication of the media types associated with the selected media object.

12 (Once amended) A hand-held image capture device as in claim 11 wherein each one of the selected media objects to edit are stored in a slide show media object.

13 (Once amended) A method for editing heterogeneous media objects stored in a hand-held image capture device having a display screen, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) creating a slide show from randomly selected ones of the heterogeneous media objects stored in the hand-held image capture device, each one of the heterogeneous media objects comprising at least one media type, the media types including a still image, a sequential image, and text;
- b) in response to a user editing the slide show, displaying a slide show edit screen, wherein a representation of each media object comprising the slide show is displayed on the display screen;
- c) enabling a user to randomly select media objects to edit; and
- d) enabling the user to edit the selected media object's content.

14 A method as in claim 13 wherein step (d) further includes the step of:

i) in response to a user editing the selected media object's content, invoking one or more specialized edit screens for editing the media types associated with the selected media object, wherein the specialized edit screens include an image editing screen for editing still and sequential images, and a text editing screen for editing text.

15 (Once amended) A method as in claim 14 wherein step (d) further includes the step of:

ii) displaying in each one of the specialized editing screens, a representation of the selected media object's content, items to be applied to the selected media object, and at least one soft key function, whereby each one of the specialized editing screens operates in a similar manner to ease use and operation of the hand-held image capture device and to facilitate creation of multimedia presentations on the hand-held image capture device.

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation/divisional of United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/223,860, filed December 31, 1998. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to more particularly claim the present invention. Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 7-15 were amended, and claim 1 was canceled. Claims 2-18 remain pending.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 1.

2 (Once amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein the media types further include a still image, a sequential image, and text, step (e) further including the steps of:

iv) if the media object includes text, then a text editing screen is invoked.

3 A method as in claim 2 wherein step (e) further includes the step of: (Once amended) A method for editing heterogeneous media objects in a hand-held image capture device having a display screen, the method comprising the steps of:

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b) enabling a user to randomly select a particular media object to edit;

c) in response to a user pressing a key to edit the selected media object, invoking one or more specialized edit screens for editing the media types associated with the selected media object, wherein

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 — ~~a video codec for decoding the video associated with a stored media object when the stored media object is to be displayed;~~
 a hardware user interface for displaying the heterogeneous media objects, the hardware user interface including a navigational control, and means to select one of the media objects; and

 processing means coupled to the mass storage device, the video codec, and to the hardware user interface for controlling operation of the digital imaginghand-held image capture device, the processing means functioning such that in response to the using randomly selecting one of the media objects to edit, the processing means invokes one or more specialized edit screens for editing the media types associated with the selected media object, wherein the specialized edit screens include an image editing screen for editing still and sequential images, ~~a video editing screen for editing video, an audio editing screen for editing audio, and a text editing screen for editing text.~~

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- f) in response to a user editing the slide show, displaying a slide show edit screen, wherein a representation of each media object comprising the slide show is displayed on the display screen;
- g) enabling a user to randomly select media objects to edit; and
- h) enabling the user to edit the selected media object's content; and
- e) ~~enabling the user to edit properties associated with the selected media object.~~

14 A method as in claim 13 wherein step (d) further includes the step of:

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15 (Once amended) A method as in claim 14 wherein step (d) further includes the step of:

- ii) displaying in each one of the specialized editing screens, a representation of the selected media object's content, items to be applied to the selected media object, and at least one soft key function, whereby each one of the specialized editing screens operates in a similar manner to ease use and operation of the ~~digital imaging~~hand-held image capture device and to facilitate creation of multimedia presentations on the ~~digital imaging~~hand-held image capture device.